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To: dns.wales <dns.wales@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Buttington Incinerator PINS application ref: 3214813

Dear Sirs

I am writing with regard to the above planning application for the incinerator at Buttington, and I would like the following points to be taken into consideration when the application is looked at.

The facility will be an eyesore for the area which depends heavily on tourists. It will cause traffic mayhem on what is already a very busy fast moving single road, which is already an accident blackspot, and in particular the Cefn train bridge. If the lorries are approaching via Welshpool, then this will create a lot of extra heavy goods traffic through the town, which can be quite congested at times already, particularly in holiday season, and create a lot more pollution and noise for the residents and visitors

The A458 is very busy especially during holiday times when it is continuous traffic. How are large trucks going to manage to pull out and turn right, especially considering the proposed amount of truck movements. The road is already an accident blackspot in several place. The extra heavy lorry traffic will be bad for the people who live on the roads concerned in respect of noise and emissions.

The planned facility is too near residential and school areas. Pollution hangs over the valley under certain weather conditions which means any pollution from the facility would do the same, which means it would be over the schools.

The extra traffic and pollution would have a detrimental effect on the surrounding area and local residents. Why is such a facility being planned in an unsuitable area where people live. It should either be somewhere more remote or in an industrial area, preferably with good road links, i.e. dual carriageways or motorways.

The facility will totally ruin this rural area and interfere with tourism, people's livelihoods and quality of life.

If the facility is built will the amount of rubbish intake, (more lorries), increase over time? If this is the case then amount of emissions will also increase, so the local people will suffer more than what has been outlined in the current plans. What about people in the area with respiratory problems?

How much noise, (apart from the constant flow of lorries), is the facility going to produce. It should be borne in mind that the area is quite quiet at night so even a low amount of noise would stand out to the local residents.

It is documented that other such similar facilities regularly exceed their permitted emission levels, and so it goes without saying that such events would occur here if the development goes ahead, again an issue for the residents of the area.

Why is a facility that is to take rubbish for all of Powys being proposed at the top end of the county, a central location would be more suitable. Additionally, if rubbish is also to come from other places, such as Birmingham etc, it would make a lot more sense to have the facility of that way, particularly as the people of Wales are told that they are in the top three countries for recycling, so if the people of Powys create less rubbish why should they have all the issues of rubbish coming from other areas to Powys to be burnt.

On my road map, the area to the side of the A458 is shown as an area of outstanding natural beauty, has this been taken into consideration. The view from the road up the valley when approaching Welshpool can be seen for miles, and so the proposed chimney stack would be a major eyesore amongst the scenery and one of the first things tourist would see. Not a very attractive approach to Welshpool, known at the Gateway to Wales.

Finally, is there really a need for this facility. I have heard that the Government is closing some similar facilities in order to meet climate change regulations.

Yours sincerely

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